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"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty." 2 Cor 3:17

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A Message from Mat Staver, our Founder and Chairman

SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION!

When the president of Chick-fil-A is demonized for merely expressing his belief in the biblical model of marriage, it is time to speak up – or be forever silenced! Anyone who believes in Judeo-Christian values and morality should be jolted from passivity by this recent clash of cultural forces. When mayors of large cities say Chick-fil-A is not welcome, we ought to be shocked into realizing that the time for silence is long past! Liberty Counsel has prepared a powerful new video as part of a special Action-pack named for the new reality Christians face in this increasingly hostile culture: "Silence is Not an Option." Time is of the essence – we must mobilize and speak up!

Boston Mayor Tom Menino stirred up the ruckus when he told the *Boston Herald* that "it will be very difficult" for Chick-fil-A to get licenses for a restaurant in his city. The popular restaurant chain had been considering a pair of sites in the Boston metro area.

Writing to Chick-fil-A president Dan Cathy, Menino said: "I was angry to learn on the heels of your prejudiced

statements about your search for a site to locate in Boston. There is no place for discrimination on Boston's Freedom Trail and no place for your company alongside it. When Massachusetts became the first state in the country to recognize equal marriage rights, I

personally stood on City Hall Plaza to greet same sex-couples coming here to be married. *It would be an insult to them and to our city's long history of expanding freedom to have a Chick-fil-A across the street from that spot.*

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Liberty Counsel uses every available media to champion the cause of liberty and boldly proclaim American exceptionalism. Whether our advocacy is expressed in courtrooms, in legislatures, in council chambers, through the broadcast media, on the Internet, in special gatherings, or any other venue, Liberty Counsel is fully engaged in boldly speaking truth to our culture! **In the montage above,** Founder and Chairman Mat Staver is shown recording a Liberty Counsel radio broadcast, testifying before Congress, hosting one of our annual "Awakening" conferences, appearing on Fox News Channel's Huckabee program, and addressing the media after oral argument in *Liberty University v. Geithner*, our landmark case against ObamaCare. **Anywhere and anytime faith, family, or freedom come under attack, you'll find Liberty Counsel advancing the cause of true liberty through litigation, education, and public policy!**

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(Emphasis added).

Really? In the Cradle of Liberty – no place for a family-owned business that operates by biblical principles, closes on Sunday, and whose president believes in natural marriage? *This is a startling statement and signals that our society has come to an entirely new level of cultural division!* Not only was Mr. Cathy demonized for his beliefs concerning marriage, but, according to Mayor Menino, his beliefs disqualify him from working in the Boston metro area!

Jumping on the bandwagon, Chicago Alderman Joe Moreno announced he would block Chick-fil-A from opening its restaurant in the Windy City. He said, “I don’t want you in the First Ward.” Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel then piled on by saying, “Chick-fil-A values are not Chicago values.” What completely outrageous statements!

One may wonder what Dan Cathy could have possibly said to get these politicians so riled up. When asked by

a reporter if he supported “traditional marriage,” Cathy responded,

We are very much supportive of the family – the biblical definition of the family unit. We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our first wives. We give God thanks for that.

Does Cathy sound dangerous to you? Would his statement make you want to ban his business from operating in your community?

At least for The Muppets Company, creators of Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, Cathy’s statement was so offensive that the company stopped supplying toys for the Chick-fil-A Kid’s Meal. The Muppets Company then donated the money it had received from Chick-fil-A to a group working to legalize same-sex marriage in Washington State!

Liberty Counsel has been defending natural marriage for many years in more than 50 litigated cases. I have spoken frequently on this subject and have written a book entitled *Same-Sex Marriage: Putting Every Household at*

Risk. Because of Liberty Counsel’s views on marriage, we have been labeled “haters” and called a “hate group” by some. So have other pro-family organizations.

But we will not be silent on this vital subject because the Bible and the Christian faith are not silent concerning marriage!

History has taught us what can happen when good people remain silent. In his attempt to destroy the Jews, Hitler demonized them, isolated them, and forbade them from holding certain kinds of jobs. When the German people became desensitized to the Jewish race’s humanity, he placed them in ghettos, loaded them on trains like cattle, and shipped them to gas chambers.

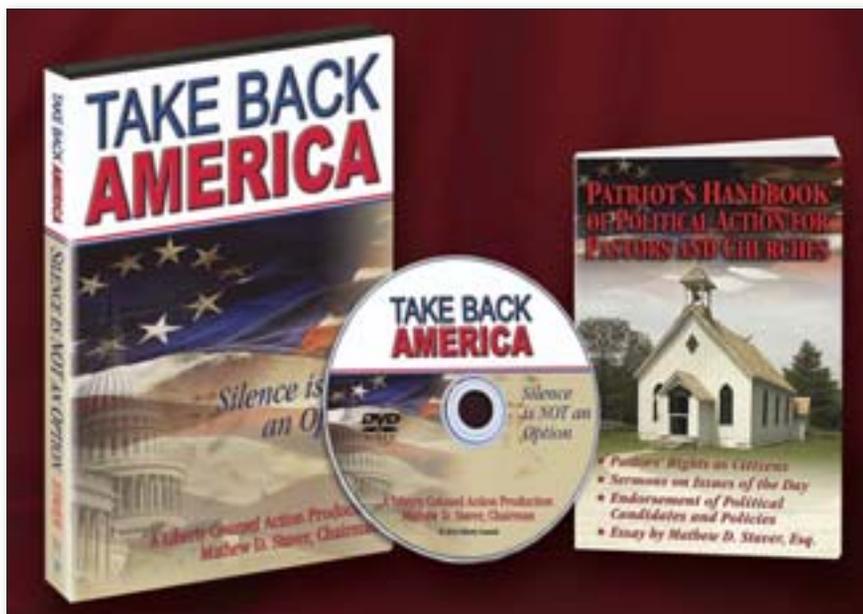
By and large, the church remained silent during the rise of the Third Reich. Churchgoers went about their daily business and turned a blind eye to Hitler’s evil. Hitler could have been stopped had the church resisted him. But pastors liked their positions and Christians didn’t want to be bothered. The thought of getting involved and the unpleasantness they knew they would face was enough to keep them silent.

Today is no different! The Chick-fil-A incident is not an isolated event. It just received more publicity than most of the escalating number of incidences of anti-Christian bigotry in America. *We must not allow this moment to pass without turning this outrageous situation into positive action!*

PASTORS MUST BOLDLY PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD ON THE ISSUES OF THE DAY!

We are entering a critical time in America. Soon, we will have the most important election in our lifetime. Liberty Counsel has prepared a video called, “Silence is Not an Option” which provides a court-proven overview of what pastors and churches can do regarding political activity.

I want every God-fearing, Bible-believing pastor to take off the muzzle and exchange it for a megaphone!
After listening to my message about



Liberty Counsel’s powerful “Silence is not an Option” Action-pack (pictured above) contains a DVD entitled “Take Back America: Silence is Not an Option” and our newly released Patriot’s Handbook of Political Action for Pastors and Churches. The contents of this valuable resource are crucially important to every pastor, Christian leader, and layman in America. Because of the large number of Action-packs we are producing, they are available for a gift of just \$10 to support this campaign. Visit our website at www.LC.org and click on “Store” to order Action-packs for yourself, your family, and Christian leaders in your community!



Liberty Counsel's eye-catching vinyl yard signs will have a great impact on the all-important 2012 election! Many tens of thousands of Liberty Counsel's friends will be expressing their deep concern about America's future by displaying one or more of these colorful yard signs. You may order these impactful signs by visiting our website at www.LC.org and clicking on "Store." For a gift of \$10 you may request one sign and can receive all four for a gift of \$30 or more.

what pastors and churches can do, Pastor John Hagee of the well-known Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, Texas, told me he felt "like an inmate let out of prison."

Pastors can always speak on biblical issues! You do not need the approval of the IRS to preach the Bible. Even when politicians and elected officials are emphasizing divisive topics like marriage and abortion, it doesn't somehow make the subjects exclusively "political" issues that are reserved to being matters of state. Pastors and other Christian leaders can *always* preach on the issues of the day!

Pastors can also educate people on where the candidates stand on the issues. Churches can host voter registration drives and pastors can urge people to vote their biblical values.

In fact, pastors enjoy a lot of freedom to speak on biblical issues, to educate about the candidates and their positions, and to motivate people to register and vote.

Not one church has ever lost its tax-exemption for endorsing or opposing a candidate for office or for endorsing or opposing a local, state, or federal law. Not one!

Fearing the IRS is a mythical concern perpetrated by those who want to silence the church. This is not a time

to meekly maintain silence – it is the time to speak up!

THOSE WHO HOLD JUDEO-CHRISTIAN VALUES MUST WAKE UP AND SPEAK UP!

Speaking up is not only the duty of pastors, but also for *everyone* who believes in Judeo-Christian values and who loves liberty. We must all shake off the chains of passivity!

Liberty Counsel, our sister organization Liberty Counsel Action, and our Political Action Committee (Liberty Action PAC) are working in different ways to mobilize God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans to speak up. The Chick-fil-A incident illustrates with undeniable clarity that the clash of worldviews in this nation is becoming an outright state of warfare.

Those who believe in the Judeo-Christian worldview will be demonized and their right to work or pursue a profession will soon be shut down if we remain silent. We must take a stand and speak up NOW!

A CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL FREEDOM-LOVING AMERICANS

I encourage you to order the "Silence is Not an Option" DVD for distribution to pastors and churches throughout the nation. The special Action-pack also includes our new pocket-sized *Patriot's Handbook of*

Political Action for Pastors and Churches.

This is a crucial time for every freedom-loving American. Stay informed. Sign up for the free "Liberty Alert" educational email and our "Grassroots Action" emails on our website at LC.org or call 800-671-1776 to enroll.

Here are some additional things you can do right away: Get our Action-pack, "Silence is Not an Option," and share it with your friends at work and where you worship. Establish a committee to educate your fellow church members and your pastor. Set up a voter registration drive. Make sure your friends are all registered to vote.

Financially supporting Liberty Counsel is also one of the best things you can do in this time of all-out assault on American liberty. We are defending life, liberty, and family, and we are mobilizing pastors and citizens nationwide to speak up! We need your prayers and financial support. Make a special one-time gift now and commit to contribute monthly. Become part of the solution!

Silence is simply not an option in 2012. We must speak up – or we will be forced to be forever silent! 🇺🇸



Mathew D. Staver, who founded Liberty Counsel along with his wife, Anita, in 1989, serves as the organization's Chairman. A leading constitutional attorney, widely read author, and sought-after speaker and cultural apologist, he also serves as Dean of the Liberty University School of Law and as Chairman of Liberty Counsel Action. Staver is among the core leaders of a national effort to rebuild the conservative movement in America.

From Anita Staver, President

Securing Justice for the Future of America



This is what the LORD says: “Maintain justice and do what is right...” — Isaiah 56:1

Although the media and politicians are single-mindedly focused on the economy, the most important issue in the upcoming election is the judges.

At least one U. S. Supreme Court Justice will likely retire during the next four years. With the precarious balance on the nation’s High Court, the stakes couldn’t be higher.

When we examine Supreme Court decisions over the past few years, it is evident that the Court has the power to change the direction of our nation. The axiom that every vote counts is especially true in the context of the Court.

The outcome of crucial cases is often decided by one Justice. By a single vote in the Obamacare case, the Supreme Court rewrote a law enacted by Congress and turned a “penalty” into a “tax.” Chief Justice John Roberts now shares the blame for the socialist-style takeover of our healthcare system!

This is not the only time in recent years that a crucial case was decided by a 5-4 vote. By one vote, the Court concluded that giving the death penalty for brutal child rape violates a rapist’s constitutional rights. By one vote, the Supreme Court allowed the

government to play Robin Hood in reverse, and take land by force for private development.

By one vote, the Court gave Islamic terrorists who take up arms against the United States more due process than that afforded to our men and women in uniform. By one vote, the Court allowed publically funded universities to

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impose race-based admission policies.

The issues of school vouchers, marriage, child pornography, abortion, the right to bear arms, and even your freedom to worship God could all depend on a single vote at the United States Supreme Court. If recent history at the High Court has taught us anything, it is that we do not need Justices who interpret the law based on personal experience and changing social conditions!

The good news is that most people share Liberty Counsel’s view of the appropriate role of judges in our nation. In more than a dozen polls conducted since 2004, at least 65 percent of respondents say that judicial confirmation is “important” or “very important.” In virtually every poll conducted, more than 70% preferred

judicial restraint to judicial activism.

Most Americans do not want judges who legislate from the bench, especially when they can clearly see the impact on our culture. The recent Obamacare ruling vividly demonstrates the importance of judges in the 2012 election. As we have just seen proven yet again, no matter what Congress does, every law – regardless of how well or how poorly researched and supported it may be – is at risk of being rewritten by a single black-robed Justice.

Indeed, the direction of our nation for the next twenty or thirty years could be determined by those who appoint and confirm the next few Justices to the Supreme Court. We must insist that future nominees have a clear record of judicial restraint if we want Justices who will interpret the law, not rewrite it according to their personal political philosophies.

These are issues we *must* discuss in our circles of influence before the upcoming election. ***Remember that the only vote that doesn’t matter is the one that is not cast.*** Although the media and the politicians may be narrowly focused on the economy, make your vote for judicial restraint count in November! 🗳️

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